

## MISSION OF MERCY TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES IN TEMPE

Mission of Mercy began providing free medical services via a mobile medical van in 1997. On October 10, 2000 they will start providing services at their newest location at the **University Presbyterian Church**, 139 E. Alameda Drive, in Tempe. After October 10, 2000, the medical van will be at University Presbyterian from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month. Mission of Mercy also operates in Maryvale, Mesa and Phoenix.

The mobile medical van, staffed by volunteer doctors, nurses and translators, is targeting working individuals who do not have and/or cannot afford health insurance and are not eligible for AHCCCS.

Patients may receive basic medical care, occasional minor surgery and non-narcotic prescriptions for free. In addition, X-rays and lab tests are provided by Sonora Quest Laboratories and Mercy Healthcare Arizona. Patients who need to see a specialist are referred to other doctors who volunteer to see patients in their offices. Patients may make an appointment by calling (480) 833-8987. The van is funded by private donations, and therefore a patient's legal status in the United States is not a criterion for service. In 2000, Mission of Mercy received the **Tempe Governors' Ball** proceeds, which raised more than \$60,000 with the match from St. Luke's Charitable Health Trust. Tempe Community Council is proud to recognize and thank **John Olson**, the staff, and volunteers for improving access to health care in the Tempe community!



## CIS TO BENEFIT FROM 2001 GOVERNORS' BALL

**Tempe/Kyrene Communities In Schools (CIS)**, a project of Tempe Community Council, has been selected to receive the proceeds from the **2001 Tempe Governors' Ball** for the Westside Health Center project.

The mission of CIS is to promote community/school/parent partnerships to encourage young people to stay in school and prepare for life. CIS founders learned from parents and teachers that one of the most difficult barriers for local families to overcome was access to health care. Many low-income students were missing school due to illnesses that could be easily treated, if the families could obtain health care. This situation prompted the founders of CIS to form a partnership with **ASU's College of Nursing, Tempe St. Luke's Hospital**, and the **Tempe Elementary School District** to create the first school-based health center in Tempe. In the first six months of operation, more than 150 low-income children received treatment. In the summer of 2001, the Health Center at Scales School (*pictured to the left*) will move to its new location two blocks away from the Westside Multigenerational Facility in Tempe. The new Health Center will serve

students from at least four additional schools, children not yet attending school, and those being home schooled or attending charter schools. The College of Nursing will be using the clinic as a training site for their nurse practitioner program.

The pediatric nurse practitioner is able to diagnose, treat and manage minor and chronic illnesses, and prescribe medications. Students and family members under age 20 can receive services regardless of race, gender, socio-economic status, residence status, language or other factors. A private funding base has allowed all students to receive services regardless of their economic status. All funds received from the 2001 Tempe Governors' Ball will be used to serve children at the new Westside Health Center. For more information regarding the Westside Health Center, please contact **Lynette Stonefeld** at (480) 858-2316.

**The Tempe Governors**, an affiliate of **St. Luke's Charitable Health Trust**, is a group of more than 30 informed community volunteers, actively committed to, advocating for, and supporting quality community health care. The 2001 Tempe Governors' Ball will be held on February 24, 2001 at the Pointe at South Mountain. To reserve a seat or sponsor a table, please contact **Mary Ellen Laister**, at (480) 820-8282 ext. 120, or **Carol Smith** at (480) 838-0794.